

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 14 March 2011.

Item 1. Chairperson Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 1900 hours and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Planning Group members Bowen, Ulm, Slagill, Wally, Krickhahn, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Harris, Myrick, Hertel and Gabler were present, forming a quorum of 12.
- Planning Group members Darsey and Vandover were absent, and not excused. Seat 14 is vacant.
- Pat Ulm moved that the Planning Group approves the submitted minutes of the meeting on 14 February 2011. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Mary Manning).
- No expense reimbursements were requested.

Item 2. Announcements.

- Mary Manning announced that on 26 March, 8 AM to 12 noon, at the Old Ironsides Park Community Center the Harbison Canyon Lions Club and Santa's Helpers will sponsor a "Stop and Swap" event for the needy; all are invited to bring what they can to give, and to take what they need, of clothes for kids, household items, etc.; any leftovers will be donated to AmVets and House of ???.
- Lory Walls announced that on 26 March, 1 PM to 4 PM, at Dehesa Elementary School the Dehesa Valley Community Council is sponsoring a "Celebration of Appreciation" for the Dehesa Valley Volunteer Fire Department; a DVD and a written history of the fire department's service from 1972 to 2010 will be available for purchase; a potluck dinner will follow the celebration events.
- Kandi Collins announced that the Crest Community Association has received a grant for purchasing an emergency generator and power transfer switch for upgrading the Crest Community Center's emergency response preparedness.
- Wally Riggs announced: 1) all Planning Group members must file their Form 700 with an original signature so that it is received by the County by 31 March, or face certain fines; 2) the revised Planning Group members' contact list is being emailed to all, and copies of it are provided as handouts tonight; 3) the April Planning Group meeting will be at Crest, but beginning in May the meetings will be held at Dehesa School; and 4) for tonight's meeting, Agenda Item 5b will be heard following Announcements, Agenda Item 2.

Item 5b. Private Project Proposal. Night lighting for the Sycuan Reservation Sports Field on Dehesa Road east of the Casino entrance. Chairman Riggs introduced Adam Day, representing the Sycuan Tribe, who informed the Planning Group that the Tribal Council had recently voted to provide lighting at the Sports Field by Dehesa Road for evening activities. No design has yet been developed; there is no specific time frame for implementing the project, and the Tribe welcomes community input concerning this night lighting project.

Mary Manning suggested the Tribe should follow County Parks and Recreation policy concerning night lighting, which would have the lights be fully shielded and projecting light only down, with lighting allowed only to 10 or 11 PM.

Herb Krickhahn commented that yellow light is much more preferable than bright white light, but that the County ordinances may allow all white light if there is proper shielding.

Jason Harris asked about the type and number of activities anticipated for nighttime use of the field. Adam Day responded that presently only Sycuan groups use the field, but that its use will be expanded to host Inter-Tribal league sports; he also said that the Tribe is open to non-Tribal community use of the field as well, but he anticipated only about one night game per week.

Mark Gabler asked whether new and/or expanded parking facilities would be needed in conjunction with the lighting project.

Wally Riggs stated that the community would only be able to recommend lighting that is directed downward.

<In a belated Announcement, Chairman Riggs informed the Group that the hearing by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control concerning the Sycuan Tribe's liquor license is scheduled for April 19-21, 2011, but that a continuance to a later date is being requested by the attorney representing the Dehesa Valley Community Council and community residents. >

<In a second belated Announcement, Adam Day informed the Group that the County has established a website for providing information and receiving input concerning the redistricting process being considered for the five County Supervisors' districts. >

Item 3a. Open Forum. Kandy Collins stated that the Planning Group is welcome to continue meeting at the Crest Community Center if there are problems with arranging meetings in the Dehesa area.

Item 3b. Group Forum. No one requested to speak.

Item 4. Committee Reports. None.

Item 5a. Private Project Proposal. Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Carnavale Project, 1863 Harbison Canyon Road. Chairman Riggs informed the Group the County has announced its intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration, and that the documentation did not include any remaining issues that seem worth addressing.

Jason Harris asked about the easement issue concerning the neighbor's plans and valid building permit interfering with the planned Carnavale Project access road. Riggs stated that this issue has been resolved, and the road access crossing of Harbison Canyon Creek will be widened to meet County standards, with appropriate mitigation for impacts to the creek habitats.

Lory Walls expressed concerns about potential water runoff and discharge impacts to adjacent property. Riggs stated that a number of runoff controls are incorporated to prevent such impacts.

Following its discussion, the Group took no action regarding this agenda item.

Item 5c. Private Project Proposal. Request for approval for retail vehicle sales business located at 1329 La Cresta Road, Crest. Chairman Riggs explained that the Rainbow Market property in Crest, where the retail vehicle sales project is proposed, is a Special Use Restricted Area. This means that Planning Group approval is necessary for the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue its permits for the business proposed.

The project applicants, Carl and William Cash, described their proposed business to the Group. An existing empty office space in the Rainbow Market building would be used for conducting car sales transactions according to DMV requirements; three of the existing parking spaces on site would be dedicated for the car sales display and operations. DMV registration activities would not be offered, and there would be no car repair or detailing conducted at the sales site. Vehicles for sale would be brought from elsewhere to display at the site, and would probably not be parked overnight.

Members of the community and the Group expressed concerns about the impacts of relatively unregulated auto sales occurring at the nearby Jerry's Auto Repair business.

Jason Harris moved that the Planning Group recommends approval of the proposed retail vehicle sales business project at Rainbow Market, conditioned on its conformance to the three vehicle limit presented by the applicants. The motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Item 6. Public Project Proposals. None.

Item 7. Unfinished Business. None.

Item 8a. New Business. Discussion and action on the preservation of the Stone Monument at La Cresta Road and Park Drive. Chairman Riggs asked Judy Bowen to explain this issue. Judy Bowen was contacted by an individual who saw the Stone Monument being dismantled, and who had requested the homeowner to stop its deconstruction because of a belief that the Stone Monuments at the edges of Nancy Jane Park have historical value and were perhaps constructed as a Work Projects Administration project. Judy mentioned that the Crest Historical Society had also been contacted, and it has sent a letter to the property owner requesting the Stone Monument be saved.

Jennifer Williams, property owner where the monument is located, explained that the Stone Monument blocks visibility and the sight line for leaving her driveway and entering La Cresta Road, which is especially hazardous due to speeders on the road. Dave Williams, who purchased the property, researched history of the Works Projects Administration at the Library of Congress as there are no local records of the Stone Monument, but the WPA records do not include

the Nancy Jane Park monuments. His conclusion is that they are local sentimental structures without WPA historical associations.

Chairman Riggs said that it appears the Stone Monument is located on the public right-of-way for La Cresta Road, due to its alignment with utility poles and planted trees along the road, but that the question of its location is being researched to determine exactly what property it is located on.

Kandy Collins (Crest) suggested that the monument could be moved to Nancy Jane Park property. Jennifer Williams stated that she and her husband would give the community the opportunity to move the monument if it is in fact located on their property. Judy Bowen proposed contacting the Department of Public Works to check on the right-of-way situation. Mark Gabler commented that it needs to be moved, so the question is who will move it.

The Group postponed a final recommendation about what action to take, and the issue is continued to the agenda of the next meeting.

Item 8b. New Business. Supervisor Roberts's attempt to subordinate Community Plans. Chairman Riggs reported to the Group that Supervisor Ron Roberts thinks that individual Community Plans cause too many problems for the General Plan Update, and that individual, unique Community Plans for the different County areas are not necessary or desirable. Supposedly the other four Supervisors do not share Roberts's view. Pat Ulm and Judy Bowen both emphasized that the differences in the County's communities regions require that there be separate, individual Community Plans.

Lory Walls moved that the Planning Group sends a letter to the County in response to Supervisor Roberts's proposal, stating the Group's opposition to any action that would eliminate our unique Community Plan for the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon Subregion. The motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Item 8c. New Business. Requests for Proposals for Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund Grants. Chairman Riggs announced that applications for Indian Gaming Fund grants are being accepted, and that proposals are requested for projects that mitigate in some manner the impacts of Indian Gaming casinos on surrounding communities. In the past the Planning Group proposed a project to construct a right turn lane for eastbound Dehesa Road at the intersection with Harbison Canyon Road, as a partial mitigation for the back up of Sycuan Casino traffic that negatively impacts this intersection and Dehesa Road. This grant request was not funded.

Mark Gabler commented that the Planning Group could submit this proposal again, mentioning that this is the second attempt to acquire funding for this project, which is needed even more now than previously, due to Casino traffic.

Pat Ulm moved that the Planning Group resubmits a grant request for a right turn lane on Dehesa Road at Harbison Canyon Road intersection. The motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Item 9. Adjournment. Phil Hertel moved adjournment at 2020 hours. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)